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1. The JUSTA (Jugoslavenska Sovjet Transport Aviacija), aerial transport firm and the JUSPAD river transport line, which were joint Yugoslav-Soviet concerns, have been dissolved at the request of the Yugoslav Government.
2. The equipment of JUSTA has been taken over by the Jugoslavenski Aero-transport, and that of JUSPAD by Generalna Direkcija Rečne Plovidbe (General Management for River Navigation, Pancevo).
3. Originally the shares of the two businesses were 60 percent Yugoslav and 40 percent Soviet, held by SOVTOFLOT (Soviet Shipping Company). The equipment, however, was almost entirely of Soviet make and was being paid for by the Yugoslavs in installments.
4. Currently, the Soviets are demanding the immediate return of all equipment for which payments have not been made, as well as that equipment on which the last installment only was due and whose date of payment had expired. The return is also demanded of Austrian and Hungarian river craft which belonged to the Soviets and which were part of the JUSPAD fleet.
5. The Soviet demands are being resisted energetically by the Yugoslavs, who state that the equipment will be held in lieu of some of the technical equipment which the Soviet Union was to deliver to Yugoslavia under their various commercial agreements, and which never arrived.
6. The Soviets have taken exception to the Yugoslav attitude but are currently limiting themselves to written notes of protest.

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